

-BROWN TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE
AT ABOUT 11 30 AM EST

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WASHN -(CJ)-- DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN PLANS TO
HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, REPORTEDLY
AT 11 30 AM EST.

THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THE BROWN PRESS
CONFERENCE BUT DID NOT IMMEDIATELY SAY WHAT
TIME IT WOULD BE HELD. HOWEVER, OFFICIALS
INDICATED IT WOULD BE HELD AROUND 11 30.

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY POWELL IS
EXPECTED TO TALK WITH REPORTERS AT THE WHITE
HOUSE ABOUT THE FAILED RESCUE MISSION OF THE
U S HOSTAGES AFTER THE BROWN CONFERENCE.

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SOFIA CALLS U.S. ATTEMPT TO FREE HOSTAGES 'IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION'

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(TEXT) JODY POWELL, THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN, HAS REPORTED
THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO SAVE THE
U.S. HOSTAGES IN TEHRAN THROUGH MILITARY MEANS. POWELL ADDED
THAT THIS OPERATION FAILED BECAUSE OF A TECHNICAL FAILURE.
TWO U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH INTENDED TO LAND ON IRANIAN TERRITORY
COLLIDED WHILE LANDING AND EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CREW WERE KILLED.
ALL U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION HAVE BEEN
WITHDRAWN FROM IRAN.

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN POWELL ALSO SAID THAT PRESIDENT CARTER,
WHO IMMEDIATELY ORDERED THE OPERATION TO BE HALTED, BEARS FULL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING THE DECISION TO CARRY OUT THIS MISSION.

THERE ARE NO MORE DETAILS AT PRESENT, BUT IN ANY CASE THIS
IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION FOR WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER SO BOMBASTICALLY
CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY, IS FURTHER ENHANCING THE TENSION IN THE
IRANIAN-U.S. RELATIONS AND (FEW WORDS INDISTINCT).

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